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Changing attitudes

Stevensville resident hopes to break stigma about used clothing

Three charged with murder

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Three people were charged with murder in the case of the disappearance of a Niagara Falls man.

Alexander Fraser's car was found engulfed in flames along the Niagara Parkway in Fort Erie on Boxing Day. There was no sign of the 49-year-old man.

Niagara Regional Police now say Fraser is dead and have charged three Niagara Falls residents with murder. Fraser's body has not yet been found.

"The evidence dictates the level of the charge," explained NRP Det. Staff Sgt. David Hunter.

"But, we cannot discuss the evidence that has been obtained during the investigation."

Victoria Harvey, 20, of Niagara Falls, was arrested Sunday and charged with first-degree murder.

MacGarvie, 25, and Wilson were also charged against Brad MacGarvie, 25, and Brian Wilson, 29, both of Niagara Falls.

Both MacGarvie and Wilson were in court for bail hearings Tuesday in St. Catharines. Harvey appeared in court Monday and remains in custody.

Police said the investigation is ongoing and further arrests are anticipated.

The investigation was initially centred in the Gonder Flats area of Fort Erie but now Investigators have



The Niagara Regional Police marine unit assisted with a shoreline search for Alexander Fraser on Tuesday, Dec. 30. The Niagara Falls man's car was found destroyed by fire on Friday, Dec. 26 in Fort Erie.

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turned their attention to the hydro canal near the Welland River in Niagara Falls where they expect to recover Fraser's remains.

On Tuesday afternoon, the NRP marine unit was in the water searching an area near a railroad overpass off the Chippawa Parkway.

Police say Fraser was targeted by the suspects.

The suspects were familiar with the victim, Hunter added, however Fraser may not have known all of the individuals who now face

murder charges in connection with his death.

Fraser, who was known to police, lived alone in the city's south end.

When asked why the police were not asking any information on the arrests until Tuesday, NRP Const. Phil Gavin said "the investigation was ongoing and developing."

On Boxing Day at about 2 a.m. police responded to a car fire along the Niagara Parkway in Fort Erie. Following the fire, Fraser, the

registered owner of the vehicle, could not be located and a missing person investigation was launched.

Police conducted a shoreline search using personal watercraft nearby where Fraser's silver 2000 Nissan Maxima sedan had been found burned.

Early in the new year, police asked residents in the area to search their properties, garages, sheds and wooded areas for anything suspicious or maybe a clue to what happened to the miss-

ing man.

"The residents in the area where the car fire occurred were extremely helpful and we appreciate any information that was given to us," Hunter said.

Police are now looking to speak with anyone who may have information on the case. Anyone with information can call 230-20 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Council mourns its 'voice of reason'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Richard Shular will be remembered by his colleagues and loved ones for his dedication to his community.

"As a councillor, Rick was never afraid to make the right decisions. He always stood up for his constituents," former mayor Doug Martin said.

Shular, a lifelong resident of Fort Erie, died Monday, Dec. 29 after a brief illness. He was 68 years old.

Shular served as the representative of Ward 2 in Fort Erie since 2003. In the most recent election, Shular out-polled his only competitor by more than two-to-one and was selected to serve as chair-



Rick Shular

man of the corporate services committee.

"Rick has always been one of those solid people who spoke the facts. He was also a great advocate for the community," Martin said.

"He led the charge to be president, to be chairman. He always led by example. This is a great loss to the town," Martin said.

Martin, who has known Shular for more than 40 years, described Shular as "the voice of reason on council."

"Things would get hot and heavy on council and he would always bring us back on track."

Shular is a former employee of Sherwin-Williams in Fort Erie and has been involved with a number of organizations including the YMCA, the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Erie Kinsmen and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71.

He took "the Kinsmen's motto 'Serving the community's greatest need' to heart," Martin said.

Shular was a life member and past president of the Fort Erie Kinsmen. He received the Hal Rogers Fellowship award and served as the Governor of District One in 1985.

He was Past Master of Palmer Lodge 372 in Fort Erie and served as Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District B in 2000.

Shular also served as the president of the Niagara District Shrine Club in 2005.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts was "stunned" to learn the tragic news about his colleague. Lubberts was re-elected with Shular in October to serve another term on council.

"I'm shocked and disappointed. I am sad to hear this happened. Rick and I had our differences but I was looking forward to working with him over the next four years."

According to Lubberts, Shular's voice will be missed in the council

Fort Erie council to decide how to fill vacant seat

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Council is left to fill a vacant seat following the death of Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular.

Shular died on Dec. 29 after a brief illness. He served as a councillor from 2003 to 2014.

Mayor Wayne Redekop said "there a number of options available to council." These options include calling a by-election, or select a new representative based on a selection process established by council.

Council may also select the runner-up in the ward from the Oct. 27 election.

"We will deal with these options (as a council) and go through the process," Redekop said. "The councillors can discuss these options and decide which one they would prefer to go with."

John Mollicone was the runner-up in the two-person race in Ward 2.

Mollicone has not publicly said he will accept the Ward 2 seat if it is offered to him. Out of respect for the Shular family, Mollicone said he will not speak about the matter until the councillors begin the process of filling the vacant seat.

"I want people to remember Rick, and move on. When council makes a decision as to what they are going to do, we'll go from there," Mollicone said.

Mollicone hasn't spoken to members of council or town staff about the vacant council seat.

Shular won the support of Ward 2 residents with 1,241 votes in the municipal election in October. Mollicone finished in second place with 508 votes.

"I think people spoke loud and clear when they voted for (Rick). I liked who they voted for. Rick was a good guy."

Council will reconvene on Jan. 12 for the first council-in-committee meeting. A regular council meeting will be held on Jan. 19.

The Town of Fort Erie's budget deliberations begin Jan. 14.

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chambers.

"This new council—things were changing and everybody agreed—was going to do that change happen," Lubberts said.

"This is going to be a real test to this council and this community. Those are going to be big shoes to fill."

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said he was saddened to learn about Shular's death and extended his "deepest sympathy."

to Shular's family. "It is not a happy day," Redekop said. "He was highly respected and loved by many people."

A service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday, Jan. 3.

The family has asked that donations be made to Community Outreach Program Erie, Meals on Wheels or St. Paul's Anglican Church.

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Challenge yourself to plunge into icy Lake Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Begin 2015 by participating in a Crystal Beach tradition.

Organizer Phil Smith is expecting "about 50 people" to take the plunge in the icy waters of Lake Erie as part of the annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook-Off Challenge at the Bertie Boat Club on Jan. 10.

Participants come from Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Chippawa and western NY, to participate in the "grass roots event."

According to Smith, swimmers have a variety of reasons why they decide to participate in the dip.

"Some people do it as a way to challenge themselves. Others are looking for a good story to tell, and for some people, it's another bucket list item to check off," he said.

"With the hubub of Christmas safely behind us and the New Year here, it's time to share some laughs and do something that may be out of our comfort zone."

The event is also "a lot of fun" for spectators.

"The numbers (of spectators) that come to watch those crazy people is growing," Smith said. "It is a pretty cool thing to see—the reactions of people in the water. It's a great even."

The Chili Challenge will warm up swimmers after the dip.

"We invite folks, whether they represent restaurants and organizations, or individuals, to share their best chili."

Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by the dip at noon.

"We are asking that everyone gets there early and register," Smith said.

Admission to participate in the dip is \$5 and it includes chili.

Anyone who doesn't want to participate in the dip can still have chili for \$5.

Smith said there is no fee to enter the challenge. There just needs to be "enough chili to feed folks."

Individuals who wish to register for the Chili challenge are asked to call Arlene White at 1-905-401-4450 to register.

Smith said there will be a heated changing station for people who plan on jumping into the water.

He encourages everyone to come to "the first event of the New Year that brings people together as a community."

"It's a chance for you to see people you haven't seen in a while," Smith said.

All proceeds from

the event will support the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association's projects.

Crystal Beach Public School students will also sell hot chocolate to raise money for the local elementary school.

For more information



Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge

- Where: Bertie Boat Club, 1010 Point Abino Road South, Fort Erie.

- When: Saturday, Jan. 10

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by the dip at noon. Chili will be served afterward.

- Why: To kick off 2015.

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Fort Erie Times

Organizer Phil Smith expects about 50 people to participate in the Polar Bear Dip in Crystal Beach on Jan. 10.

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Fashionista on a budget

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Nicole Grigorov knows from experience that it doesn't cost a lot to dress well.

Grigorov is always looking for the latest fashion trends but she doesn't find them at a high-end clothing store. She finds them at thrift stores.

Grigorov began shopping at thrift stores when she was a child to help her family cut corners and make ends meet.

"We grew up poor. My mom was mentally ill and my dad wasn't always around," she said.

"My grandmother took me under her wing and she always made sure I had beautiful clothes."

Grigorov's grandmother would take gently used clothing, cut them and redesign them. Unique pieces that were "always better than anything else."

"Even now, I still go to the Salvation Army and Good Will looking for deals," Grigorov said. "Even when I had money, I still spent my money at thrift stores because I didn't like the thought of wasting money."

When Grigorov fell off her daughter's horse last year and broke her clavicle and 15 ribs, she relied on thrift stores again to help her stretch her budget.

"At the same time I was sick

and undergoing chemo. We both hadn't worked."

With four children to feed, putting food on the table and paying bills was difficult.

It wasn't easy but saving money on clothes allowed Grigorov to manage finances until she recovered from her injuries.

When she was fully healed, Grigorov made a decision to change her career path. The idea to start a non-profit came to her while shopping at a thrift store in St. Catharines. Grigorov decided she wanted to open her own store.

"I spent about \$1,300 on clothing for my kids' new wardrobes and I thought this is something that I could do (in Stevensville)," she said.

She wanted to bring a thrift store filled with brand name clothing like Lulu Lemon to the community.

"There isn't a lot of places where people can find high end clothing at least in Fort Erie," she said.

"People have to travel to Niagara Falls or elsewhere."

Grigorov sold old antiques and bathrooms and used the money to purchase racks, hangers and high-end clothing from Kajiji to open her store, the Stevensville Clothing Exchange in April.

Although December was "a little slow" Grigorov said many people in Fort Erie have discovered the Stevensville Clothing Exchange at 2664



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times
Nicole Grigorov knows thrift stores are a necessity to help families living on a budget make ends meet. The Stevensville resident opening up the Stevensville Clothing Exchange last April and hopes to break the stigma about buying gently used clothing.

Stevensville Rd.

are gently used and many of them still have the tags on them," Grigorov said.

There is still a stigma

attached to used clothing, but it's a stigma that Grigorov is hoping to change.

"I think people are catching on to used clothing and it's becoming more trendy."

The store owner also recently opened a second location in Niagara-on-the-Lake at 1501 Niagara Stone Rd.

Grigorov only accepts brand name clothing that is clean and well cared for. She offers in-store credit or cash to individuals who wish to sell clothing, shoes, and purses.

"It has to come in clean and in mint condition or I won't take it," she added.

For more information about the Stevensville Clothing Exchange call Grigorov at 905-658-3210 or visit online at www.canadianclothingexchange.com.

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The Rotary Club of Fort Erie is inviting the public to learn more about Major Alan Woolley and his peace keeping missions on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Woolley, of Fort Erie, enrolled as a private in the Essex and Kent Scottish in 1974. During his career, Woolley has served with The Highland Fusiliers of Canada, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, The Lincoln and Welland Regiment. He was the Director General International Security and Policy until he retired in 2003.

Woolley will speak at the Fort Erie Golf Club at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free.

Foul play ruled out in St. Catharines man's death

Foul play is not suspected in the case of a body found in a ditch on Lakeshore Rd. on New Year's Day.

"At this point, the autopsy is back and foul play isn't suspected," said Niagara Regional Police Const. Phil Gavin. "What we are interested in is how he came to be where he was."

The body of Vlado Rukavina, a 50-year-old St. Catharines man, was found just after noon Jan. 1, but police have yet to release details of his final hours.

A family member said Rukavina had worked as a bartender in the hotel industry.

Garfunkel, Moody Blues head casino lineup

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Art Garfunkel, who was one half of the iconic folk-pop duo Simon & Garfunkel, will perform at Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara Falls in April.

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Do You Remember?

Due to the holiday publishing schedule, the Fort Erie Historical Museum has not received any calls about the latest photographs of either the two sisters or the milk jug curlers.

As always, we still welcome your calls to help identify these or any other of our Do You Remember photographs.

However, our previous Christmas photograph (Dec. 18) generated a lot of interest, includ-

ing calls from Bud Spurrett, Councillor Don Lubberts and MPP Wayne Gates who identified Dennis Hull with Gord Singleton, Canadian Olympic cyclist behind him.

Paul Mason, the man on the right, remembered the event because he was President of the Peace Bridge Men's Teacher's Federation, the organizers of this

father and son sports night in March of 1981.

Robert Tripp identified Norm Lemire, former RCBHS geography teacher as the man in the centre.

This week's photo shows four local hockey enthusiasts honing their skills on Black Creek.

Do you recognize anyone in the photo or possibly even yourself? Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Insanity is a requirement for Polar Bear Dip participants

I think I must be crazy.

For some strange reason unknown to me, I thought it would be a fabulous idea to participate in this year's Polar Bear Dip at the Bertie Boat Club on Saturday.

Of course I decided to 'take the plunge' and told all of my coworkers I would do it.

As expected, they laughed and told me I was insane. They also agreed to come and cheer me on.

It's always nice to know your friends will support you—even when you're about



Sarah Ferguson
 Editor's Notebook

to do something completely stupid.

I made the decision to jump

before I realized Niagara would feel one of the coldest weeks of the year.

Niagara Region Public Health issued an extreme cold weather alert Monday morning, and temperatures were forecasted to drop below -15C.

Environment Canada also issued a special weather statement for Niagara. Temperatures this week are expected to be well below the average for early January.

As I looked outside the Times' office just a few hours

before the paper went to press, I wasn't encouraged by the falling snowflakes.

It's too late to back out now.

I wouldn't want to be called a chicken—or worse.

So I'm just going to have to grit my teeth and bear the pain that will hit the moment I plunge my body into the bone chilling water.

I've been looking ways to train for the event. But I shuddered at the thought of taking a cold bath filled with ice cubes.

I think I'll just wait and stay

warm until the very last minute.

I reported on a few Polar Bear Dips and many people have told me it's fun to participate in because it is the first community event of the New Year.

Some people participate in the event as a way to kick off the New Year.

Others do it because it's on a bucket list of things they'd like to accomplish.

I'm doing it because I am nuts.

I hope to see many Fort Erie

residents come out to the Bertie Boat Club for the big event at noon on Saturday. Please feel free to join me.

The Polar Bear Dip is always an entertaining sight to see.

And this year will be no different. I'll be one of the looney people screaming from the water.

I sure could use some encouragement—maybe a big push into the water. See you all at noon. Registration begins at 11 a.m. sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

opinion page

Library offers new speculative fiction discussion group

There is a new program at the Fort Erie Public Library, just right for celebrating the new year.

The Speculative Fiction Cafe is the latest book discussion group in town. Speculative fiction is a term used for a broad literary category that includes any fiction with supernatural, fantastic, or futuristic elements.

Horror, fantasy and science fiction all fall under the broad umbrella of speculative fiction.

If you are a fan of the work of Neil Gaiman, Ray Bradbury, Robert Heinlein or Max Brooks, the Speculative Fiction Cafe could be just the place for you to meet with other readers of this crossover writing genre.

Moderator Derek Clendenning invites all who are interested to meet at the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library this evening, January 8, and the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., to discuss favourite authors and interesting books.

If movies are your thing, there's a recent film with a great story and a terrific



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

cast playing tonight at the Centennial branch.

The Judge stars Robert Duvall as a judge and murderer suspect in a small town, with Robert Downey Jr. as his son, the big city lawyer who returns home to discover the truth.

You could sign up today—or help someone sign up—for some of our popular programs for young people. A St. John Ambulance course in "What Every Babysitter Should Know" will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch. This is a course created for the 11-14 year old age group, designed to teach babysitting, leadership and first aid skills. Participants

learn to care for infants, toddlers, school-aged children and themselves. There is a \$40 course fee; please call St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340 to register or for more information. Space is limited to 18 participants.

A free videogame tournament day will be held at the Centennial branch on Saturday, Jan. 24, with bracketing beginning at 10:15 a.m. The game this month is NBA 2K15 for Xbox and Playstation. The first person who signed up for the tournament selected the Cleveland Cavaliers as his team. What will your pick be?

One more January event for young people is the Spelling Bee. This Family Literacy Day event, jointly sponsored by the library and the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie, will be held on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 28. We promise an evening of fun and challenge—and spelling—to students in Grades 3 to 8. Word lists will go up on the library web site www.fepl.ca very soon, and registration can be made now at



any branch or by phone. There is no charge to enter or to watch!

Other events during the coming week include the ever popular Stories for 2s and 3s, a story time with plenty of activities to foster early literacy skills for little ones from eighteen months of age.

Stories for 2s and 3s will be held at the Stevensville branch on Monday, beginning at 10:45 a.m., and

starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch on Tuesday morning and the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday. A Homeschool Library Club will be offered for the very first time on Wednesday, Jan. 14, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch.

Join with other home schoolers from the Fort Erie area for fun, educational, and library skill activities.

This club coordinates parent-led, group activities for children of all ages. There is no need to register ahead for either the story-time or the Homeschool Library Club. There is a fee of \$2 per child or \$5 per family.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Special at the Fort Erie Public Library.

It shouldn't take New Year's to make positive changes in your life

'New year, new me' tends to be the slogan for the month of January.

And for some of us, that expression holds true and for some of us, Jan. 1 is just another day.

With the new year in full swing some have already broken a resolution while others are staying on track.

My only resolution I pretend to make to myself is to not swear so much as it is silly and seems simple to keep.

Well, that lasts about 12 hours into the new year—not as easy as it sounds. Maybe that is one reason I



Annie Pasquarello
Special to The Times

don't make resolutions—I don't like to fail at things or put too much pressure on myself as we tend to do with a resolution.

Whether it is to lose

weight, find love or get a new job, these ideas come to light in a new year.

I tend not to make resolutions (except the ones I never keep), but rather goals for myself and try not to set Jan. 1 as the day to start them.

I understand the new year brings feelings of change or renewal and a time to reflect on the past year.

There are some years we all love to say good riddance to and some years we wish could replay over and over.

Those so-called bad

years are sometimes filled with heartache, tragedy or just plain old bad luck, but in that we sometimes get life lessons or realize how resilient we can be.

If New Year's Day is just another day on the calendar, why do we put so much emphasis on everything surrounding it and leading up to it?

Even New Year's Eve can be filled with needless ideals and pressure.

They say how you spend New Year's Eve is how you end up spending the rest of the year and we tend to want to have the perfect

night and even romanticizing that New Year's Eve kiss.

I don't know who these people are that come up with the superstitions, although I think some of them are romantic comedy writers and liquor brands.

One thing I have come to realize as the years pass is—resolution or not—the best thing I can do each year is get rid of negativity.

My own negative thoughts and toxic people have no place in my life or dreams.

So if you are making a lifestyle change, there will

be some people who will want to see you fail and try and sabotage those goals.

What I would really like to say to those people is an expletive (there I go again), as you will want to do the same, but you don't need those people to succeed.

2015 has only just begun with 365 days to make the most of.

Annie Pasquarello is a resident of Fort Erie and a freelance reporter for the Fort Erie Times

From the gardener's journal: You can easily care for cacti

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

The last time we had such a "green" Jan. 1 was a few years ago when we lived in London and packed my mom up in Toronto and drove to Niagara Falls for the musical mayhem at New Year's.

You have to know it was pouring rain, the bands were a little skittish about the electronics and weather and my mom spent her time looking at the fancy shoes and nicely turned out crowds standing around.

She was in the wheelchair and thanks to some good samaritans, we were able to get her to the top of Clifton Hill when the festivities were

finished. I still can see her moving and grooving to the music with rain dripping off her hooded coat. There's no party like the Falls at New Years.

Unless like this year, we opted for the beach at midnight with our two dogs and flashlights. Thinking it would be really cold and windy, we were so wrapped up. As it turned out the evening light brought out the stars and we could even see the lights from Niagara Falls across the river. The fireworks from Buffalo were clear and beautiful. It was a New Year's to remember!

Living in a bordering community, it is difficult at times to appreciate what you have and where you are.

Many folks drive around searching bargains and perhaps missing what is right there where they are living. I make it a habit to stay as local as I can and so I have become a great verbal booster for this lovely community. Each new year I hope for better times for us all, realizing we must support our community to have those better times. We can support our own local shops and business with our money and our participation.

I love supporting all our local plant growers as they all give back greatly to our town. If we make one resolution to keep this year, I hope it is to support our local folk even more!

And speaking of support,

thanks to everyone who contributed to our greenhouse in autumn with recycled planters and sharing their growing plants to winter over.

This will be a testing week to see how everything has fared. I want to know how well Mickey Minnie and their offspring have eaten in our absence. Before we know it, it will be time to plant seeds for early spring. I will be taking time to pause and look at some wonderful and easy care indoor plants to carry us through while our spaces are looking a little bare after the Christmas season is packed away.

I am thinking of the easy care succulents and cacti. Some of you, like myself, may have a Christmas cactus that is still blooming. Just let it dry thoroughly. With a little water a few times and placing it in a south or west facing the winter sun since winter is dry and spring and summer warmth and sun. The blooms are truly lovely on this cacti and I hope you can enjoy them long into the spring and summer.

I am often asked how to

handle spiny cacti.

Gloves are used but I have found that the spines can stab right through them. So I use a newspaper folded into a narrow band and wrap the spiny plant when it needs to be re-potted. It is easier to handle the cacti this way and I have had success and less pain doing this.

I love to keep aloe vera plants handy as they are a great source of relief for healing of cuts. To divide them easily use these steps: firstly, spread out newspapers carefully, then tip the pot to its side and slide out the dry plant.

If it is moist there is more mess.

Decide how many plants you want and gently massage and separate the roots from the root ball. Be sure each little division has roots, stem and leaves, or shoots. Potting it into a pot with a layer of small pebbles in the bottom requires good judgment for the plants that is essential. Place the division in the centre of the pot and use fresh soil—not too rich for succulents.

Plant each little division as deep as it was before

splitting. Press the soil firmly around the plant and water with warm water, just the soil and not too much for succulents.

Put the little divisions in their new pots in a protected location out of sun and drafts for a few days.

They will adjust to their shock and be ready to join your indoor garden or a friend's. I love to share aloe vera and truly believe every home needs one to help with cuts and scrapes during the growing years.

These are lovely colourful succulents available now so I would suggest that the very first hand snowfall you journey to one of the plant nurseries and take a walk through the greenhouses. The succulents are sure to lift your eyes and spirits with their abundant life and prolific growth. In most of our spaces during the winter months when the heat dries the air, the succulents and cacti thrive. That helps us in the winter, keeps us inside more!

Just a reminder that the Farmer's Almanac is calling for a slightly milder winter temperature wise and below normal snowfall. I guess we shall see how right they are this year!

Look in the night sky for Saturn to hover near the crescent moon on Jan. 16. If it becomes cold and clear, that should be a great show.

And just in case winter comes along, we have almost nine hours of daylight now and by month's end we should be increasing to nine and 3/4 hours. The light is coming.

Until next week, keep growing.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Niagara Parks Emerald Ash Borer Woodlot Management Plan For Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex

Parks and forestry staff of the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) have been monitoring and evaluating the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) as it has made its way across Ontario and into the Niagara region, including within the lands protected by NPC.

This non-native insect burrows into Ash tree bark and removes the ability of the tree to retain the nutrients it will need to sustain its health and growth. In response, municipalities and agencies across Ontario have taken various measures to limit the impacts of EAB on tree lined streets and within forested areas.

NPC has developed a proactive Emerald Ash Borer Forestry Management Plan to address the impact and spread of this particular species, which has affected the high concentration of Ash trees found in and along NPC's Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex. As Emerald Ash Borer populations increase over time, this proactive plan will help ensure selective Ash tree protection; preserve the environmental and aesthetic benefits of the tree population within Niagara Parks and support public safety through a combination of pruning, removal, replacement, andastic injection treatments. One strategy to be implemented in the winter of 2015 is a mid-infrared trimming to take place on a 40 hectare (.100 acre) parcel of land in the northeast area of Legends on the Niagara.

In 2015, as part of NPC's efforts to proactively managing the EAB issue, while ensuring a long-term healthy tree inventory/tree canopy along the Parkway for its residents and visitors, 40,000 new trees and seedlings will be planted across NPC properties.

NPC will be hosting a Public Information Centre to discuss its EAB Management Plan for Legends on the Niagara for the 2015 year.

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| What: | NPC Public Information Centre |
| Where: | Legends on the Niagara Clubhouse
9172 Willoughby Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario |
| When: | Tuesday, January 13, 2015 |
| Times: | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Who: | NPC officials will be in attendance to discuss its 2015 EAB plans for Legends |



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Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program finds new home on Jarvis

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

What started as an Easter basket program has flourished into a thriving charitable organization that serves families in Niagara.

But five years ago, Mindy Leveille never imagined she would be able to help so many people.

As a single mom, Leveille knew what it was like to struggle to make ends meet. Sometimes she even relied on help from other people.

When she found herself in a position to help other parents, Leveille decided she wanted to something to give back to the community. That's when Leveille began the holiday basket program for families in need at Easter.

Leveille used her husband's tax return in 2010 to buy 15 baskets and filled them with goodies. That year, Leveille ended up helping more than 60 children that year to support from the community.

Over the last five years, Leveille expanded her holiday basket program and has since renamed it Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program.

With community support, the organization offers Thanksgiving hampers, Christmas stockings for children and a back-to-school program to families across Niagara.

The Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program became registered charity in November and Leveille is "excited" the charity has opened at its new location at 116 Jarvis St. last month.

Previously, Leveille said the charity operated out of her Fort Erie home and her house was filled to the brim with items for the charity's programs.

"I always thought it was going to be in my house," Leveille said of the Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program.

"My dream was to get (NACAP) to be big. In the beginning, it was just me helping people in Fort Erie and it has grown to help all of Niagara."

The space was provided by Fort Erie residents Leo and Linda Favero and



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From left, Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program board members Sue Puhakka, Mindy Leveille, Erica Beaulieu and Amanda Plato have been busy renovating the charitable organization's new office at 116 Jarvis St., in Fort Erie. NACAP provides assistance to families in need during Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It also provides a back-to-school program. Missing from the photo is board member Carrie Wallace.

NACAP board members are currently renovating the space to make room for an office and storage for the organization's hamper and back-to-school programs.

"There were gracious enough to donate the space for a month and a half to us," Leveille said about the Faveros.

NACAP will also set up a store to sell gently used clothing and other items which Leveille expects to launch by the end of February. The proceeds from the store will be used to keep the lights on and pay the rent while funding free programs.

Leveille said she would like to offer a variety of free classes and workshops such as parenting classes and how to eat healthy on a budget.

"We have no funding coming in for NACAP and we rely on the community for support," Leveille said. The founder of NACAP said she is grateful for the support

the community has shown to the organization over the course of the last five years.

The organization is putting a call out to the community

for shelving, office furniture and building materials to finish renovations. Donations of new and gently used clothing, toys and other items are

also needed.

"Our plan is to set up shop (on Jarvis St.) and apply for grants to get NACAP to grow," Leveille said.

For more information about NACAP and how to help call Leveille at 289-322-0357.

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Region councillors to mull raise

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Region politicians get back to business this week and one of the first orders of business will be deciding on whether they get a raise.

A staff report that was delivered to the Region's corporate services committee Wednesday shows councillors and the regional chair would receive, upon council approval, raises of 2.93% retroactive to Dec. 1. The

raises would see pay for regional councillors increased from \$28,353 to \$29,184 yearly and the chair's salary jump to \$16,768 from \$15,143. The salary hikes are based on a methodology established by a council remuneration citizens review committee and approved in 2004. Raises are based on the 12-month average core consumer price index and the Conference Board of Canada's annual policy line change for non-unionized employees for

Ontario.

Council has voted against a wage increase to both councillors and the chair since receiving a 3.23% raise in 2010, a trend Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs said should continue.

"Some people would argue that within the (Region's total budget) it's not a huge increase, but others would argue that every penny counts — I know that's typically how we think in Wainfleet — so I'm thinking odds are I'm not going to

support it," Jeffs said.

Rookie regional Coun. Tony Quirk of Grimsby is also not in favour of a 2.93% raise, believing councillors need to consider leading the way in salary restraint.

"I will not be supporting it," Quirk said. "The reason being I believe we should limit it to the cost of living at the very most. I think there's been a push to ask our staff to reduce salaries and keep it to a lower increase than that. I can't imagine a do-as-I-say-not-what-I-do sort of thing."

The staff report also recommends council maintain its position on one third of councillor and chair compensation being tax free. The report notes the tax break is allowed by the Canadian Revenue Agency and Municipal Act as that one third is deemed to be expenses. The report notes other alternatives to the one-third tax break, but each would end up costing the Region more. The report says the cost to fully tax councillors and the chair for 2014-15

would cost an additional \$46,589 in Canada Pension Plan and Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System payments. Another option is the region would be bumping councillors and chair remuneration to provide the current net pay, which would cost the Region another \$216,720, as it would hike chair pay to \$160,550 and councillor pay to \$34,190. The report recommends the status quo.

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Blustery start to icewine harvest in Niagara

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Icwine picks are infamous for their merciless weather conditions.

Traditionally, they involve the marshalling of bodies to pluck frozen grape bunches at night in frigid temperatures.

But for Jamie Slingerland and his crew at Pillitteri Estate Winery, this effort will be a little more comfortable.

Not only do he and other larger producers often use mechanical harvesters, slumping temperatures this time allowed an 8 a.m. start on Monday.

"Our plans are to go until midnight, or as long as we can last. And everything is going well."

the director of viticulture said, by late morning. "Daytime picks are certainly the nicest, because you can see everything and everyone's wide awake. It's like our regular sleep cycles."

Slingerland — whose winery is said temperatures are checked on an hourly basis, thanks to a number of apps that help with the task.

Temperatures need to be at least -4C for several hours to allow the sweet delicacy to be pressed and fermented.

By mid-morning, the thermometer read -9C, with the Vidal grapes frozen hard and temperatures forecast to another degree through the day. Meanwhile, it's a different

scene now with a smaller crew mechanically harvesting in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"We used to have 50 to 60 people out handpicking, and we moved to mechanical," he said.

Reasons behind the change include "the sheer volume of vines that makes it hard for crews to work longer than four to six hours."

"And we're finding, year after year, it's not getting any easier to get people to come and pick," Slingerland said. "But we will do a minimal manual harvest for small lots here and there."

In St. Catharines, crews at Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery started to harvest their 20 acres of icewine grapes by

about 10 a.m. Monday.

"And it's looking like we're going to be good for four to five days," said president Paul Speck of the mechanical harvest. "The wind is horrific out there, it's quite brutal. But at least we can do it during the day."

"We've got our second load on ... we're going to get a lot of grapes of today, and it's looking like a good week ahead of us."

No one is sure when the harvesters of the icewine grapes sourced by Vineland Estates Winery.

There, winemaker Brian Schmidt said weekend min freeze on many berries and created an insulating shield, which warmed them up.

His crew was girding for an early evening start, with a focus

Icewine Festival

Friday marks the launch of the annual Niagara Icewine Festival, with various celebrations and tastings of the delicacy.

Icewine creations, ice sculptures, live music and outdoor warming fires are folded into various events.

Celebrations kick off Friday with the annual Xerox Icewine Gala at the Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara Falls. Street fest-

vals are also on deck for both Twenty Valley's Jordan village from Friday to Sunday and Niagara-on-the-Lake from Jan. 16 to 18.

With a Discovery Pass, people can choose from more than 35 wineries and culinary experiences along the Wine Route during select days from Jan. 9 to 25.

For more details, visit www.niagaraciwinefestival.com.

It's an honour to serve the grape.

"With icewine, there's really nobody who's fortunate," Schmidt said with a laugh. "But

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Man with cerebral palsy wants apology from theatre chain

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

A St. Catharines man who says the local theatre failed to accommodate his disability is looking for an apology.

Jason Santry, who has cerebral palsy, said he was denied a large bag for his medium-sized popcorn prior to taking in *Mark Walberg's latest flick, The Gambler*, at Landmark Cinemas at the Pen Centre Friday night. Santry, 45, made the request for a larger bag because the shaking caused by his illness results in him losing grip of small items.

"I ordered a medium-sized popcorn and asked they give me a large bag if he could put the popcorn in a larger bag because I have cerebral palsy and the way I shake, I would have had popcorn everywhere," the St. Catharines man said Monday.

The concession person complied with Santry's request, which was soon revoked by a supervisor; who Santry said took the larger bag out of his hands and dumped the popcorn into the smaller bag.

"I said, whoa, whoa, whoa, I need that bag. I have cerebral palsy and it makes it easier for me to spill."

Santry said the supervisor told him he could not have the larger bag. He said she crumpled the bag and threw it in a garbage can as she was leaving the concession counter.

"She never mentioned why I couldn't have it," Santry said.

Santry said he spoke twice with the theatre manager about his disability, once before the movie and again following the picture, but the manager "blew it off" and sided with the counter supervisor.

Santry said he has never had a problem with the popcorn bag request the numerous times he has gone to see a movie at the Cinplex Odeon theatres in Niagara Falls, nor has he had a problem with the request when going to a movie at the Pen Centre.

"I'm not a regular there, but I've never had a problem," Santry said of Landmark's Pen Centre centres.

As of Jan. 1, 2012, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) introduced the accessibility standard for customer service that mandates all private, not-for-profit and public-sector organizations with at least one employee are required to comply with the standard, which stipulates that businesses and organizations must carry out simple steps to provide accessible customer service, said Brigitte Marteau, spokeswoman for the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

"For example, the standard requires organizations to develop policies on how they will provide their goods or services in a way that is accessible to people with disabilities," Marteau said in an e-mail. "The standard provides flexibility so that organizations can develop policies that reflect the unique goods and services they offer

(e.g. policies that are specific to a movie theatre or concession stand).

"Under the standard, organizations must have a process in place to receive feedback on how they provide their goods or services to people with disabilities. Organizations must also say how they will respond to feedback and act on complaints received. If a person wishes to make a complaint against a business about accessibility or service they received, they are encouraged to contact the business directly using the business's feedback process to address their concerns. By using this feedback process, individuals and organizations are able to work together to determine solutions, as appropriate, which may include developing new accessibility policies or modifying existing ones."

After word of Santry's experience reached head office, Landmark Cinemas Canada posted on the local theatre's Facebook page that it regretted the incident.

"Landmark Cinemas Canada is very sorry to hear of the experience at our St. Catharines location this past weekend," the statement says. "We will be reviewing our policies and procedures to make address his concerns. Landmark Cinemas works hard every day to meet the needs of all of our guests and we apologize that we failed to meet the mark in this instance. Our theatre managers and cast members are each trained in guest service, which includes (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) training. We are reviewing this incident to avoid a similar situation in the future."

The statement was not good enough for Santry.

"I don't think there's an apology in there at all," Santry said.

The statement was posted to Facebook Sunday night. Santry said around 11 p.m., Landmark called him at approximately 3 p.m. Monday, but because he was unable to speak with them at that time, made plans to speak with someone from the company Tuesday afternoon.

Landmark Cinemas Canada director of operations Ryan Dion said late Monday afternoon from Kitchener it took the company a while to "track down" Santry's telephone number and was looking forward to speaking to him Tuesday "at which time we'll hopefully be able to come to a resolution and get an understanding what happened from his perspective and hopefully shed some light on the investigation that we've done internally and be able to hopefully move forward."

Dion said the incident was a "misunderstanding."

"I want to take accountability for where we could have had a different level of service than we had," Dion said.

Dion said it's Landmark's standard to accommodate a request such as that made by Santry and that it extends to all guests, not just those with a disability.

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INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED STEVENSVILLE SECONDARY PLAN AND IMPLEMENTING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE/MEETING:

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2015
TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
LOCATION: STEVENSVILLE MEMORIAL HALL
2360 STEVENSVILLE ROAD, FORT ERIE

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING:

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT TOWN HALL
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WHAT THIS SECONDARY PLAN INTENDS TO DO

A Secondary Plan sets out the Official Plan and directs how a neighbourhood community will grow over the long term relative to the location and form of future residential, commercial, community, mixed uses and employment development. The plan also addresses park locations, the protection of natural areas and future road patterns.

Changes to the designated land use certain properties within the Plan area will result in changes to the zoning for those respective properties. The Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 229-98, which identifies what uses are permitted on a property and where on the property such uses can be located, are proposed for changes to reflect and implement the secondary Plan during this process.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Public Information Meeting is an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the proposed Secondary Plan, and the proposed changes to the zoning of certain properties. If you have concerns that you would like staff to address, the meeting is a good forum to speak with staff about your concern before the Plan receives the Statutory Public Meeting.



STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING AND FUTURE NOTICE REQUESTS

An Information Report will be available at Town Hall, as well as the on-line meeting Agenda package on the Township website. The Statutory Public Meeting will be held at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Centre. A written notice of appearance is required. A Recommendation Report will be prepared by Community and Development Services staff for consideration by Council at a subsequent date, following public input at this meeting.

Niagara Region is the proposed authority for Secondary Plans. Should Town of Fort Erie Council adopt the Secondary Plan, it will become the proposed authority for the area. The proposed authority will then need to approve a Regional decision to approve the Plan to the Ontario Municipal Board, or you can appeal in respect to it to the local Regional Chair. Details on filing an appeal will be provided in the Information Report following a decision on Adoption.

LEGAL NOTICE

If a person, or public body, does not make and submit a notice of a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the proposed amendments (Secondary Plan and Zoning By-Law) is adopted, the person, or public body, is not entitled to appeal the decision of the approval authority to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person, or public body, does not make and submit a notice of a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the proposed amendments (Secondary Plan and Zoning By-Law) is adopted, the person, or public body, may not file an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board if they believe that there has been a failure of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless the person, or public body, can reasonably grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of Town Council's decision on adoption of the Secondary Plan or approval of the proposed implementing zoning by-law changes, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

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Any such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Richard F. Brady, M.A., MCP, RPP
Director, Community and Development Services

IMPORTANT

If you live in or own property within the proposed Secondary Plan Area, identified within the red boundary on the above map, it is important that you read this notice fully.

The INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE is an opportunity for interested persons to learn more and ask questions about what is being proposed for Stevensville's long term growth and changes in permitted land uses.

The STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING will be your opportunity to provide feedback directly to Council regarding the proposed Secondary Plan.

Town Council has not made a decision on the proposed Secondary Plan.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOU?

If a property owner in the Plan Area, you should consider the following:

- Permitted land uses for certain properties are being considered for change. A land owner whose property is being considered for a land use under certain circumstances will receive a letter and this notice clearly states this point.
- A proposed policy under zoning by-laws could impact the manner in which your property or neighbouring properties can develop in the future.

PROVIDING YOUR COMMENTS OR GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Commenting on the Proposed Secondary Plan and related Proposed Zoning changes is encouraged. You can provide input by attending or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the Information Open House meeting with staff on hand.

If you wish further information please contact Chris Miller using the contact information provided below, or visit the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca. "Community Bulletin Board" tab. At the earliest, update within the right side of the main page to find the webpage containing for planning and key documents from this land use planning exercise.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For comments to be considered before Council makes a decision, your written submission should be provided on or before Friday, January 30th, 2015 to:

Chris Miller, MCP, RPP, Neighborhood Planner,
Community and Development Services Department,
Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
Tel: 905-871-1600, ext. 2642
Or e-mail: your comments to: cmiller@forterie.on.ca

Information icon

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Email: icolee@forterie.on.ca

*** Nomination forms must be completed and submitted prior to Thursday, January 15th, 2015 to the above mentioned address,

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TOWN OF FORT ERIE

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

COMBINED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
5179 ALBINO HILLS ROAD

OWNERS: ALAN POWER AND MOLLY FITZPATRICK

AGENT: JENNIFER VIDA, UPPER CANADA CONSULTANTS

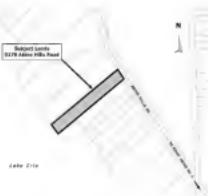
Application# 3550302-069 & 3550309-359

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



PROPOSED CHANGE

As suggested by a combined Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, the subject lands will be re-zoned from R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential. The subject lands are currently located on the west side of Albino Hills Road, in the Point Alton Area with the municipal address 5179 Albino Hills Road. The proposed changes will amend the Official Plan and Zoning Protection in the Town's Official Plan and in zone DP Zone, Environmental Protection EP Zone and Highway Protection HP Zone. The proposed changes will affect lot 125-90. The applicant requires permission to construct a two storey detached accessory structure with a two car garage and a two car detached garage, a 14' x 14' x 8' tall living space on the second floor, including mezzanine levels and a walkout facility.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment is to add a Special Policy area to the Official Plan to permit the construction of a two storey accessory structure with a garage and walkout facilities on the subject property within an area designated Environmental Protection.

The proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is to change the Zoning of the subject lands of the subject property zoned Done Protection DP Zone to a site specific Done Protection DP Zone to permit the construction of a two storey detached accessory structure with a garage and walkout facilities with a maximum height of 70 metres.

HAVING SAY

Input to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by sending an email to townhall@forterie.on.ca. Please let them know that unless you do one of the above, you may not be able to speak at the decision later.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Meen Kumaresan, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2057 or via email at meen.kumaresan@forterie.on.ca. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site www.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, please send a letter to the Interim Town Clerk Tom Mater, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to tmatther@forterie.on.ca.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council or Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law amendment before the Official Plan Amendment and By-Law are passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless at the option of the person, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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Dated this 8th day of January, 2015

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

1640 GARRISON ROAD

(REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS)

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 • TIME: 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
LOCATION: MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL



INFOPOINT

THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 1640 GARRISON ROAD THE PROPOSED FUTURE LOCATION OF THE NEW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA SECONDARY SCHOOL. THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD STAFF, TOWN STAFF AND REGIONAL STAFF.



The proposed facility consists of an 8,825m² (95,000 ft²) public secondary school, a 1,735m² (18,675 ft²) future addition, an area identified for future portables, a football field and a 400m running track.

To accommodate the proposed the applicant must redesignate and rezone the subject lands from Open Space and Commerce in the Town's documents and from Agricultural to a Special Policy area in the Regional Official Plan to a Special Policy area and a site specific area to permit a public school and ancillary uses in addition to the permitted open space uses.

PROVIDING YOUR COMMENTS OR GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Commenting on the proposed amendments is encouraged. You can provide input by calling or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the meeting to speak with the applicant or staff.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sue Malach, MCIP, RPP,
Supervisor of Planning
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

191 Carlton Street
P.O. Box 1674
Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6
905-641-2999 ext. 5429

Or by e-mailing your comments to:
sue.malach@dsbn.org

Kira Dolch, MCIP, RPP
Community and Development Services

1640 Garrison Road
Municipal Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
905-871-1600, ext. 2502

Or by e-mailing your comments to:
kira.dolch@town.forterie.on.ca



Brian Dick, MCIP, RPP

Planning and Development Services
Regional Municipality of Niagara

2201 St. David's Road
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Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Or by e-mailing your comments to:
brian.dick@niagararion.ca

FUTURE NOTICE REQUESTS

The Public Information Open House is being conducted to allow public and stakeholders opportunity to review with District School Board of Niagara and Town Planning staff prior to the formal legislative meeting in front of Council.

A statutory Public Meeting required under the Planning Act will be scheduled for a future date in the spring and will be listed in the Town newspaper. The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to review and/or ask questions about the proposed changes. Please use the contact information above to notify Kira Dolch of the preferred notice option. Staff would kindly request you consider e-mail delivery as preferred choice.

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Dated this 8th Day of January, 2015

Tom Mater
Interim Town Clerk

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP
Director, Community and Development Services

A vertical strip of three photos from the movie 'Boxing Week'. The top photo shows a man in a red and white striped shirt and black pants, shouting into a megaphone. The middle photo shows a man in a blue shirt and black pants, also shouting into a megaphone. The bottom photo shows a man in a white shirt and black pants, shouting into a megaphone. Each photo has a speech bubble above it containing the word 'POW!'.

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Church honours memory of a beloved member

Sarah Ferguson

Fort Erie Times

If the congregation of All Saints Anglican Church needed help, Trinette Tomasello would be there.

That's why the trivia night the congregation hosted in October was renamed the Trinette Tomasello Trivia Night in memory of Tomasello who her lost her battle with cancer in September, church member Sandy White said.

"We had about 165 people attend and it was the best trivia night we had yet," White said.

The event raised about \$4,000 and the congregation is donating \$1,300 to one of local charities in honour of Tomasello.

White said Wellspring Niagara and the St. Vincent de Paul Food bank each received \$500 just before the New Year. Case El Norte and Last Chance Horse

and Pony Rescue each received \$100. All Saints Anglican Church also donated \$100 to a Fort Erie resident who is ailing from Lyme Disease and seeks expensive treatment in the U.S.

"We wanted to make these donations just before Christmas time because we thought it would be a great tribute to Trinette at this time of year."

Tomasello organized the first trivia night to raise funds for the church in 2009 and it has since become a tradition.

"Trinette chaired that first event and shortly after, she became sick," White explained.

"Trinette was a life long member and was very active within the All Saints Parish. She was so well known that the church was so packed because there was not enough seats during her funeral."

sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

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Little Isaac the first baby of 2015 at St. Catharines hospital

Bob Tymczyszyn
QMI Agency Niagara

Isaac Whyte was not expected to enter the world on the first day of 2015.

He was due Dec. 30, said mom Rachel Whyte, who gave birth at 5:26 a.m. on Jan. 1.

"We didn't really think it was going to be the first baby because midnight passed and we thought there's got to be other babies born by now," said Whyte.

"I had no real thought that he was going to be first."

Just after 2 a.m., Whyte woke up husband Jon in their Thorold home telling him she was having labour pains. The couple arrived at the hospital at 4 a.m. and Isaac was born less than two hours later.

"It was very straight forward, no complications, we were lucky," she said.

The couple had had a quiet New Year's Eve.

"We had dinner with friends, it was an early night. We were home by 8:30, not a very eventful night," said Jon.

"We went to bed thinking we weren't going to be having the new year's baby, and here we are. We're very excited."

Jon admitted to being a bit out of practice as he dressed the 7 lb. 11 ounce Isaac Thursday afternoon.

As they snuggled up for a family photo, 2 1/2-year-old



BOB TYMCZYSZYN QMI Agency Niagara

Proud parents Jon and Rachel Whyte and sister Adelaide welcomed Isaac Douglas Whyte into the world on New Year's Day. Weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Isaac was the first baby born in St. Catharines in 2015.

sister Adelaide was more excited just to have a baby brother than knowing it was New Year's Day.

Mom and dad haven't ruled out plans for more

children. "Just ask me again in a few weeks," said Rachel.

bob.tymczyszyn@sunmedia.ca

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Cadets seek volunteers



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The 2966 Royal Canadian Artillery Cadet Corps 71 Legion held its annual holiday dinner in December. The Army Cadets have been serving youth ages 12 to 18 and offering free programs in Fort Erie since 1979. Cadets learn about leadership, first aid, sport marksmanship and field training and are involved in many community events and initiatives such as Poppy Days for the Royal Canadian Legion, the Santa Claus Parade and community clean ups. The cadets meet every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Andrews-Knox Church, 203 Highland Ave. The Army Cadets are currently seeking volunteers to assist in delivering the Army Cadet training program. For more information call Timothy Reilly at 905-991-8278 or e-mail 2966army@cadets.gc.ca.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Students at Crystal Beach Public School held a holiday concert for friends and family last month. The audience heard favourites such as The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Little reindeer



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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Bouquet for kind lady

A bouquet for the lady that turned in my wallet to the staff at Bulk Barn. You are wonderfully appreciated.

Bouquet for the New Year

A bouquet for the New Year. I want to wish everyone a happy and successful 2015. We have so much to look forward to this year. Let's make it a good one.

Bouquet for a coworker

A bouquet for my coworker who just recently had surgery. Everyone

at the office hopes that you are feeling better.

Brick for a lazy person

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Bouquet for an awesome mom

A bouquet for my mom that bought me a tablet for Christmas and installed all of my favourite games. I am so excited that I have a cool toy to play with. Thank you very much. Love, your son.

Brick for grumpy people

A brick for all the grumpy people that were miserable and couldn't be bothered to smile at Christmas time. It is a season for joy and you sure could use some.

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DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Thurs. Feb. 5, 3-4pm Diabetes and Heart Health: Mac. 5, 3-4pm, Keeping your Feet Healthy. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. 905-871-7621 ext. 2246 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

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HEART HEALTH AND LABEL READING

Learn how to read and understand food labels to help you make wise choices about the foods you eat. Thurs. Jan. 15, 1:30-3:30pm at the YMCA. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

HEALTHY YOU

A monthly support group led by a Dietitian for individuals who have taken the Healthy You program. Participants will build skills related to nutrition, healthy lifestyle strategies and ways to problem solve in challenging situations. Mon. Jan. 26, Feb. 23 & March 30, 4-5pm.

Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie 1485 Garrison Road. 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

HEALTHY HEART

Discover foods to eat for a healthy heart. This program will be helpful for people with high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart problems or anyone who wants to learn how to eat to keep your heart healthy. Thurs. Jan. 8, 1:30-3:00pm at the YMCA. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

EAT SMART

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HEALTHY EATING

Our Registered Social Worker and Registered Dietitian team up Wed. Mar. 11, 1:30-3:30pm to look at the importance of sleep in a person's overall health and well-being. From weight management, mental and physical performance to your ability to manage stress, learn about the role of sleep and how to get a good night's rest. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

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Everyone Welcome



Bertie students win silver in volleyball tourney

Bertie Public School's junior girls volleyball team won silver in the District School Board of Niagara Intermediate Volleyball Tournament.

The tournament was held last month.

Golfer sets sights on Florida university

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Growing up on the links, Madeline Marck-Sherk knew she wanted to go to school on a golf scholarship.

In September, the 17-year-old Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School student will realize her dream. Marck-Sherk will split her time between studying at Florida Gulf Coast University and playing on the golf course.

"I think it will be a challenge at first," Marck-Sherk said about being far away from her family.

"But I have good time management skills and so hopefully that will benefit me in the years to come," she about balancing her school work and athletics.

Marck-Sherk is looking forward to the opportunity to study and play golf in the U.S.

"It's kind of a relief because now I know where I am going and I don't have to keep thinking about it," she said. "It will be a change but I think it will be a good one."

Marck-Sherk was seven when she picked up her first golf club.

"I think I had a natural talent originally because I was able to hit the ball consistently from a young age."

Marck-Sherk spent many weekends at Ridgeway Shores Golf Club with her father, Mike.

"On the weekends, my mom would go to work and my dad would want to golf so he would take me along with him," Marck-Sherk said. "I would ride along in the golf cart and I realized I was interested in the game so I asked him if I could try it."

Not long after she asked her dad if she could play, Marck-Sherk took golfing lessons.

Marck-Sherk was 12 years-old when she began to play competitive golf, winning Rookie of the

Year on the Niagara District Junior Association Tour.

Marck-Sherk went on to compete in tournaments across Ontario and in the U.S.

In 2012, the teen competed in the U.S. Kids Golf Teen World Championships at Pinehurst. Representing the Whisky Run Golf Club in Port Colborne, she shot 82-79-89 over three rounds against 150 girls aged 13 to 17.

Marck-Sherk made the cut in the U19 Provincial and National Championships and was named one of the top 10 players in the U17 Ontario Championships.

Last year, Marck-Sherk placed 27th in the Ontario Women's Amateur Championship, 9th in the U19 Canadian Championships and won 10 of eight events on the local tour with a scoring average of 73. Marck-Sherk finished first in the U17 Ontario Championships, winning the juvenile Girls' trophy and the Ontario Summer Games' gold medal.

Marck-Sherk she hopes to "play a lot" of golf next September and she would "like to go on the LPGA tour."

Marck-Sherk will continue to improve her game and train every available moment.

"I love the competition (in golf). I love everything about it," Marck-Sherk said.

The teenager credits golf with teaching her how to communicate with other people.

"All of the people I've met in golf is insane. I have a lot of cool friends and close bonds. I don't see them every day but I see them in the summer (during competitions) and it is awesome," she said. "I think there are a lot of rules in golf and it's made me be an honest and trustworthy person," Marck-Sherk said.

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Ridgeway's Madeline Marck-Sherk will travel to Florida in September to study on a sports scholarship at Florida Gulf Coast University.

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Mistakes plague Fort Erie Meteors



JEFF BLAY Special to The Times

The Niagara Falls Canucks defeated the Fort Erie Meteors 7-6 in a shootout Friday night.

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Horn coach Rob Hubert predicts a short season for his Fort Erie Meteors squad if the team continues to make little mistakes.

The Golden Horseshoe Conference junior B Hockey team last weekend had been an eight-point weekend for them. The Meteors were defeated 7-6 in favour of the Niagara Falls Canucks Friday, and lost at home to the Canucks 4-1 on Saturday in Golden Horseshoe Conference junior B hockey action.

"I loved our effort Friday night. I thought we deserved a better fate," Hubert said. "As far as (Saturday) night, I thought our effort was there in the first and second periods but our performance just

wasn't there in the third period."

Hubert felt the Meteors' defence was horrible and the team took undisciplined penalties.

"It's all the little stuff. It's mistakes that shouldn't happen. What the guys need to realize is it's mistakes like this that are going to kill our team. We've got all the guys out there to play," Joseph Murchison added. 20 saves by Niagara Falls in the win column Saturday.

The scoreboard remained empty until Cesare Calderoni scored a goal for the Canucks 11:58 in the second period.

Rookie Paolo Sivolotti replied, scoring the only goal of the night for the Meteors 13:33 in the second period.

Kevin Millejores, Frank Pucci and Colton Anstey also picked up single goals for

Niagara Falls in the third period.

Niagara Falls excelled at penalty kills, as the visiting team didn't give up any goals despite allowing nine power plays.

The Canucks served 56 minutes in the penalty box 12 infractions. The Meteors served 46 minutes on 11 infractions.

Liam Conway saved 27 of 31 shots for the Fort Erie Meteors.

With only 16 games left in the regular season, the push for the playoffs is on for the Meteors.

"If you're going to make it to the playoffs, you've got to catch the team above you," Hubert said. "The holidays are over and now is the time to give back to the jersey and that's the message that's going to be

said to the guys. I'm going to be relentless. I'm not going to let up on them."

Hubert said it's up to the Meteors to work hard and perform on the ice.

"We've played all the top teams and we have beat the top teams. When they follow the system and don't do their own thing, we are successful," he said.

"(Saturday) night was one of those games that should have been ours and I'm not going to give up. I'm going to push them hard," Hubert said.

"I'm asking the guys to come and give 110% and I'll let the chips fall wherever they may be."

The Meteors are at Pelham

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Meteors host Wild Game Night

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Proceeds from the event will be used to start a scholarship fund for Meteors players who seek post secondary education.

A portion of the proceeds will also benefit the Hotel Dieu Shaver's rehab centre for Parkinson's disease in



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors will host the inaugural Wild Card Game Night on Jan. 15 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. The event will feature stories from former National Hockey League Players Rick Vaive and Steve Ludzik. Proceeds from the event will go toward a scholarship fund for

St. Catharines.

"I think it's important for Parkinson's

the guys to learn about disease because it isn't something we talk about often," Hubert said.

"Ludzik will talk about the (Parkinson's) rehab centre I'm a member of and it's quite an honour."

When he asked Ludzik and Vaive to be part of the evening, Hubert said the men "jumped on board."

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We send our heartfelt thanks to all of our family, neighbours and friends for your outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. Your acts of kindness and generosity have lightened our hearts and comforted us. We will cherish the memories of our beloved Albert.

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HALL, Kenneth Graham - It's with great sadness that the family of Ken Hall announce his sudden passing at home on Monday December 22nd, 2014 at the age of 93. Predeceased by parents, Robert (Slim) Hall, and Audrey (nee Barber), sister, Shirley Pearson and brother, Donald Hall. Ken is survived by his loving wife Marcelline (nee Barber) Hall, Celia (nee Clegg) Sherrill Mills (Michael), brothers Robert Hall (Adriana) and Clayton Hall (Donna), grandchildren Christina, Brent and Melissa, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Ken is sorely missed by his faithful dog and great companion "Holly". Ken's wake will be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Saturday, January 10th 2015 at 11 a.m. Private family interment at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery will occur immediately afterwards. After the service, family and friends are invited to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 71, 193 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Accessibility Fund is requested.

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CLEMENCE, Eleanor - After a brief illness, Eleanor passed away at the Niagara General Hospital on January 2, 2-15 at the age of 90. Predeceased by her husband Frank, son Rick and daughter in law Maureen. A lifelong resident of Fort Erie, Eleanor was an intricate part of Clemence's community on Niagara Boulevard. Eleanor leaves behind her five sons, Gary (Louise), Rollie (Sherrile), Ron, Dennis (Valerie) and Craig (Vail) as well as her grandchildren Lex (Adam), Amanda (Aaron), Erin (Mike), Samantha, Jamie (Ruth), Darlene (Alan), Danny (Jenn), Eddie, Robert (Lorraine), and granddaughters-in-law. Eleanor greatly enjoyed gardening, and spending Wednesday afternoons with her "girls". She was a generous contributor to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The family extends their sincere thanks to the nursing staff at Niagara General Hospital for their patience and kind treatment of Eleanor in her final days. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive visitors on Tuesday January 6th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial Chapel at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Cremation will follow. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



In Memoriam

A tribute to those we loved and lost.

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MATHEWSON, Gerald - Passed away on Sunday January 4th, 2015 at the age of 73. Predeceased by his wife, Madie (April 17, 2014). Cherished father of Judie (Carl) Ronshaw and David (Dawn) Mathewson. Proud grandfather of Jordyn, Owen and Kaitlyn. He will be remembered by his brother Ronald (Theresa) and sister Lucy (Vernon), his brother in law James Bentz and his nieces and nephews. **BENNER**, Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Private services have been held. If so desired, donations can be made to the Mala Wais Foundation which would be appreciated.

Mewha, Mary Fae (nee Stockhouse) Born Ridgeway, Ontario, July 9, 1927. 77-77 Graduated University of Toronto Class of 1950. Married "Bert" on the day of March 1952. Back to school in her 40's & Graduated as a Dental Hygienist.

Many, our Mom left us during the morning of December 3, 2014.

Graced with 87 years of truly living life to its fullest, she travelled the world in style mostly with Bert, her one and only, for more than 50 years. She was a very kind soul who read and issued her final instructions to them, then posted it on the fridge. Although only 5ft 2in she was a tower of self determination and strength. Her love for the bar on life as we know it.

With her sister Joyce these two girls broke hearts and blazed their own paths thru life. What a joy it was to see them both on the well-paved bridge, were very athletic and fit up many a party with their presence. Although they were both gone now, they are survived by their loving brother Lloyd who will run soon.

The household in pink is no more, but she will live on forever especially thru her girls who supported her with hugs and kisses for more than a decade. After losing her Bert how else could she have stayed so fit, sharp and pretty in pink for so long?

Mom, your boys will miss you and Dad forever. You two guys have made it easier for us to move on. Thank you for all the love you wanted in life with a passion and a sense of what's right and wrong that we got from you. Oh yeah, a lot of grit and some steel underneath.

It was Mary's personal wish to have no funeral or other service. She did have the request that we have a memorial service to those of her friends who were able to make it. The boys would like to pass on her farewell to all of her friends that cared about her and all of her family. Her golfing buddies and the Hills still remember her fondly. Remember her and keep that image you might have of her. All of her surviving friends can go forward with the respect to take care of her that will allow us to live and love life to its fullest. You got that from 'The pistol in pink' our Mom.

Rob, Michael & Frances



SHULAR, G. Richard "Rick" - Our hearts are saddened and broken as we announce Rick's passing at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday December 29, 2014 at the age of 68. Loving husband and father of Doreen (Rick) Dobson (Lorraine Dobson), Beloved in law of Craig Dobson (Joycelyn Chamberland). He will be sadly missed by his large extended family including Gail (Lorraine) Dobson, Belinda Dobson, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Shuler, Bill Shuler, Becky Logue, Shirley Kiefer, and the Lewis family. Martha, Mary, Warren and Matt. Predeceased by his parents George "Bud" and Patricia Shuler, Susan's parents John and Dorothy Dobson and cousin Karen (Ronald) Shuler. Rick remained a member of the Town of Fort Erie. He contributed to the quality of life through his service as a member of Town Council first elected in 2003 and again in 2008, 2010 and 2014 and served in all capacities at the Town. A life member of 48 years and past president of the Fort Erie Lions Club. Rick received the Hal Rogers Fellowship award and served as the Governor of District One in 1985. Rick was a Past Master of Palmer Lodge 372 A.F. & A.M. and served as Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District B in 2000. He continued his service with the Niagara District as Past Grand Master and President in 2005. Rick was also a member of Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, St. Paul's Anglican Church, a Past President of Kinsmen Minor Football and a past director with the YMCA and the Chamber of Commerce. **FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 1st from 7-9 pm. During this time, services will be held by the Kinsmen at 7:30, the Royal Canadian Legion at 7:45, and the Mountie Lodge at 8 pm. Interment will continue after the services and again on Saturday, January 10th, 2015 1pm -bar open at 4pm Family Welcome

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